Coal handling plant

†1022. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to install a coal handling plant in the Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli with a cost of Rs. 173 crores;

(b) whether Ranchi based Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) has shown any interest in the installation of this plant; and

(c) if so, the details of the obstacles in entrusting the work to the HEC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to install a Coal Handling Plant (CHP), Phase-II in Nigahi project of Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli at a cost of Rs. 249.9496 crores.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) Limited has participated in two Global tenders invited for Package "A" and Package "B" of Nigahi CHP Phase-II, separately. The work of Package "B" has been awarded to M/s. HEC Limited at a cost of Rs. 134.98 crores on single valid tender against Global Tender. In case of Package "A", the offer of M/s. HEC Limited was not the lowest, hence work could not be awarded to them.

Coal Royalty to Jharkhand

†1023. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a meeting with the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister of Jharkhand has sought to increase royalty on coal to the State to 20 per cent;

(b) whether such requests have also been made by other States also; and

(c) Government's view in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.